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SUBJECT: ECE - 22ND SESSION GROUP OF RAPPORTEURS ON
CUSTOMS QUESTIONS CONCERNING CONTAINERS (GRCC), MARCH
13-17, 1978

1. GRCC WAS CONVENED BY ITS CHAIRMAN, JOHN P. BENDALL,
UNITED KINGDOM, AND ADOPTED THE AGENDA SET FORTH IN ECE
DOCUMENT TRANS/GE.30/GRCC/R34.
2. GRCC DECIDED TO DEVOTE MOST OF THIS SESSION TO AGENDA
ITEM NO. 2 LEAVING REMAINING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT ITS
NEXT MEETING, JULY 10-13.
3. GRCC EXAMINED IN DETAIL THE DRAFT INTERNATIONAL AGREE-
MENT ON HARMONIZATION OF CONDITIONS OF INSPECTION
AT THE FRONTIER APPENDED TO ECE DOCUMENT TRANS/GE.30/R48.
GRCC DID NOT FUNCTION AS A DRAFTING PARTY, BUT DID
ESTABLISH A LIST OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING A
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WORKING DRAFT CONVENTION. THIS WAS DONE IN RESPONSE TO
THE REQUEST OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON CUSTOMS QUESTIONS
AFFECTING TRANSPORT AT ITS 38TH SESSION. THE PROBLEM AREAS
IDENTIFIED WERE AS FOLLOWS: CARRIERS; CUSTOMS IN ITS
PRIMARY ROLE; PUBLIC SAFETY; PUBLIC HEALTH; ANIMAL HEALTH;
PLANT QUARANTINE; QUALITY CONTROL; CONTROL OF STANDARDS,
SUCH AS VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS; AND ARBITRARY APPLICATION

OF FEES OR TAXES.

4. IN DISCUSSING THESE PROBLEM AREAS, GRCC ENCOUNTERED IN THEM TECHNICAL ASPECTS BEYOND ITS COMPETENCE AND AS POSSIBLE APPROACHES WOULD RECOMMEND CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER QUALIFIED BODIES. THESE WOULD BE OF THREE CATEGORIES: OTHER ECOSOC TRANSPORT BODIES (IMCO, ICAO, ETC.); COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT ORGANIZATIONS (IRU, IATA, ETC.); AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUPS (E.G., WHO).

5. IT IS EVIDENT THAT DIRECTION OF GRCC AND ITS PARENT GROUP OF EXPERTS WILL BE TOWARDS PREPARATION OF A CONVENTION ON HARMONIZATION OF FRONTIER INSPECTION PROCEDURES ALTHOUGH, AS CHAIRMAN BENDALL POINTED OUT, CERTAIN MATTERS PRESENTLY CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT TEXT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO RESOLUTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS COMING INTO FORCE CONCURRENTLY WITH THE CONVENTION.

6. SINCE TIME ALLOWED, GRCC TURNED TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 6, OTHER BUSINESS, AND DISCUSSED THE ACCEPTABILITY OF LOADING LISTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH TIR CARNETS, A TOPIC INTRODUCED BY THE DELEGATE OF THE FRG. GRCC AGREED TO RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE OF EDP-PRODUCED LOAD LISTS ATTACHED TO CARNETS AS LONG AS GOODS DESCRIPTION SECTION OF THE CARNET CONTAINED NOTIFICATION THEREOF (SUCH AS "SEE LIST ATTACHED"), AND PROVIDED NOTE TEN OF CARNET INSTRUCTIONS WAS COMPLIED

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WITH. GRCC ALSO BRIEFLY CONSIDERED YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL ON INTERCHANGEABILITY OF TRANSIT AND CUSTOMS DOCUMENTS. THIS WILL BE TREATED IN AN OFFICIAL TRANS/GE DOCUMENT FOR DISCUSSION AT GE LEVEL.

7. GRCC REPORT BASED UPON THE AGENDA ADOPTED WILL NOT BE PRODUCED UNTIL CONCLUSION JULY SESSION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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